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TURNER and WELDON Introduce Anti-Terror Legislation

Congressman Jim Turner (D-TX) and Congressman Curt Weldon (R-PA) introduced a bill today to develop better technologies to combat terrorism. The United States – Israel Homeland Security Foundation Act dedicates \$25 million to fund research and development of promising new products, conducted jointly by American and Israeli companies. All funds will be matched by Israeli grants, and will be repaid by companies after production. The legislation mirrors an existing program to develop industrial tools that has invested \$180 million and led to \$7 billion in sales since 1977.

“Our homeland security depends on the ingenuity of the private sector to create cutting-edge products. We must stimulate that development. We also recognize that Israel has a great deal of experience with homeland security, and we should seek to benefit from their expertise,” said Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Democrat of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, and senior member of the House Armed Services Committee.

“If we expect to win the war on terrorism, we have to cooperate with our friends and allies and I can think of no better partner than Israel,” said Congressman Weldon. “The Israeli’s are experts in preventing and responding to terrorism, and I am confident that by working together, this proactive legislation will foster the kind of research and development that will propel private industries to develop the technology that will help protect us from terrorism.”

The legislation charges the Secretary of Homeland Security with establishing a grant mechanism within the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA). The Agency is the contracting arm of the Department of Homeland Security for research and development.

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